



FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of:
SNAKE BITE

Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the neonatal/pediatric patient with a snake bite injury.

Procedure

1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed. Intubate neurologically depressed patient to prevent aspiration.
2. If possible, determine if the snake that caused the injury was a venomous or non-venomous snake or consider bringing the snake to the Emergency Department if this can be done at no risk to the patient, bystanders, responders and ER personnel.
3. Splint effected extremity/extremities and keep at the level of the heart.
4. Establish IV access and administer **Lactated Ringers** or **0.9% NaCL** to maintain SBP appropriate for age.
5. Place patient on cardiac monitor.
6. Consider applying a constricting band to minimize toxin return to the systemic body area, be careful not to constrict arterial blood flow.
7. Bandage bite site and apply cold packs for pain and to reduce swelling.
8. Treat cardiac dysrhythmias as per appropriate protocol.
9. Treat for shock as needed.
10. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
11. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

END OF SOP – NOTHING FOLLOWS